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HELPING OUR PARKS' ENDEAVORS

The Illinois Department of Conservation has initiated the "*Helping Our Parks' Endeavors*" (H.O.P.E.) program to heighten the public's appreciation, enjoyment, and support for the conservation of our natural and cultural resources.

The *H.O.P.E.* program permits individuals and organizations to purchase or donate materials which currently are needed but exceed the boundaries of the Department of Conservation's budget. Your gift to *H.O.P.E.* will not only help improve the quality of the properties managed by the Department of Conservation for you, but you will have the satisfaction of giving a gift which thousands of others will enjoy and appreciate for years to come. And best of all, it's *tax deductible*.

In past years your Department of Conservation has received unsolicited cash contributions for the purchase and planting of trees at various state areas. Several persons also have donated gifts of land. These contributions were made to the Department of Conservation as living memorials to loved ones or because the donor wished to make a contribution which would benefit present and future generations.

You may not be aware that the Department of Conservation manages more than 300,000 acres of state owned or leased properties for the enjoyment of the public. These include state parks, historic sites, state forests, conservation areas, and fish and wildlife areas, and each are managed so we might all understand and enjoy Illinois' natural and cultural resources. Each

year these properties require many things to ensure their continued beauty and safety for visitors' use. However, despite our ongoing efforts to preserve the natural and cultural resources of Illinois, limited tax dollars often times do not extend far enough to meet these necessities.

THE *H.O.P.E.* PROGRAM WILL ENABLE YOU to earmark your contribution for the purchase of a specific item. Or, you may choose to allow the Department of Conservation to decide the most appropriate item. Either way, it's up to you.

THE *H.O.P.E.* PROGRAM ALSO PERMITS YOU to suggest the sites where the gift will be used, or to make a contribution which will be set aside in a lasting endowment fund for all properties managed by the Department of Conservation.

EACH INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION WHO CONTRIBUTES TO *H.O.P.E.* WILL BE RECOGNIZED IN "OUTDOOR HIGHLIGHTS," the Department of Conservation's twice-monthly publication (unless the person chooses to remain anonymous), and will receive a Certificate of Gift by the Department of Conservation for tax purposes.

Your gift to *H.O.P.E.* will allow projects and programs to be implemented which would otherwise not be possible.

Remember, your gift to *H.O.P.E.* is also an income tax deduction, to the extent allowed by law.

To aid in your selection, we have listed a variety of the most important items suited to most State Parks. If you would like to give a gift to H.O.P.E., please complete the form on the reverse side and return it to us.

SAMPLE OF GIFT ITEMS

(Approximate Costs)

Recreation

Park benches	\$	50.00 ea.
Charcoal camp stoves . . .	\$	50.00 ea.
Picnic tables	\$	100.00 ea.
Playground equipment . .	\$	2,500.00/set
Picnic shelters	\$	10,000.00 ea.

Interpretive Program

Hiking trail signs	\$	7.00 ea.
Binoculars	\$	49.00 ea.
Display cases	\$	50.00 ea.
Brochures	\$	75.00/1000
35 mm camera	\$	75.00 ea.
Slide projector	\$	150.00 ea.
Sound movie projector . .	\$	720.00 ea.

Conservation

Hand mowers	\$	360.00 ea.
Boats	\$	960.00 ea.
Riding landscape mowers	\$	6,000.00 ea.
Batwing gang mowers . . .	\$	8,000.00 ea.
Maintenance vehicles . . .	\$	8,500.00 & up
Tractors	\$	10,000.00 & up
Trash compactors	\$	14,500.00 ea.
One-ton trucks	\$	15,600.00 ea.

Property (Real and Personal)

Individuals or organizations may have property which they wish to donate for the benefit of the public and themselves. For example, the transfer of title for property to the Illinois Department of Conservation could include a "Life Estate" agreement. This would allow the donor to retain the lifetime use of the property with substantial income tax advantage.

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Please accept \$ _____ * as a contribution to the H.O.P.E. program. I would like to make this contribution for:

- _____ 1. The purchase of _____ (item)
or;
_____ 2. Suggested Location _____
_____ (property)
or;
_____ 3. Helping Our Parks' Endeavors Endowment Fund
or;
_____ 4. Please contact me to discuss a gift of property with or without a Life Estate agreement
or;
_____ 5. I would like to give a gift of my time as a volunteer, please contact me
and/or;
_____ 6. Please send me additional information on Charitable Contributions to the Helping Our Parks' Endeavors program

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip Code _____

Telephone No.: (_____) _____
Area Code

* Please make checks payable to the
"H.O.P.E." Program/IL Dept. of Conservation

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TAX
DEDUCTABLE DONATION!**

Mail to: Helping Our Parks Endeavors
Illinois Dept. of Conservation
524 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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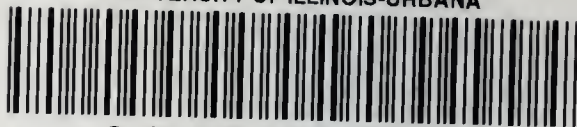
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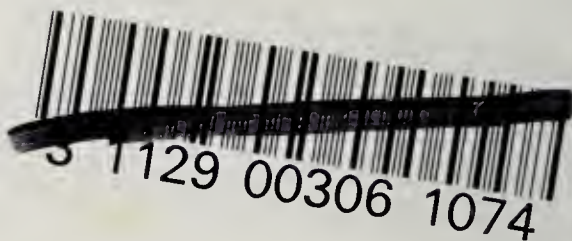
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